

CLAIMS

1. A hand held device comprising a handle, an operational member which folds into and out of a side of the handle, a control member for controlling the folding of the operational member, an arm which connects the control member to the operational member, a guide groove which is in the handle and which guides the control member over a path which causes the folding of the operational member, a first connecting formation which connects the arm to the operational member, and a second connecting formation which connects the operational member to the handle, the device being such that movement of the control member along the guide groove causes the folding of the operational member via the arm, the device being such that in its closed condition the operational member is folded into the handle and the first connecting formation is further away than the second connecting formation from a first end of the handle that is remote from both the first and second connecting formations, and the device being such that in its open condition the operational member is folded out of the handle and the first connecting formation is nearer than the second connecting formation to the first end of the handle.
2. A hand held device according to claim 1 in which the arm is a flat arm.
3. A hand held device according to claim 1 in which the handle is a flat handle.

4. A hand held device according to claim 1 and including releasable locking means for releasably locking the operational member in the open position.
5. A hand held device according to claim 4 in which the releasable locking means is a leaf spring which is located in the handle.
6. A hand held device according to claim 4 in which the releasable locking means is a spring loaded arm on a spine part of the device.
7. A hand held device according to claim 4 in which the releasable locking means is a locking stud which is positioned at an end of the guide groove nearest the first end of the handle.
8. A hand held device according to claim 4 in which the releasable locking means is a notch.
9. A hand held device according to claim 1 and including stop means for limiting the opening movement of the operational member.
10. A hand held device according to claim 9 in which the stop means in an abutment on the handle.

11. A hand held device according to claim 1 in which the operational member is selected from the group consisting of a knife blade, a screwdriver shank, and a bottle opening member.

12. A hand held device according to claim 1 in which there is more than one operational member.